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These Days— A Prince Was Born

When a prince was born in Britain some days ago, the whole world was informed, and British warships and lands of the Commonwealth around the globe fired their guns in salute to royalty. Guns roared in the South Pacific, the North Atlantic, the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean, and somewhere on every continent to honor the child, who is expected one day to sit on the throne of the empire. Humble citizens gathered to form great crowds outside the gates of Buckingham palace, standing for hours to be present when the news of the birth would be announced to the multitudes and flashed to the world. Britains, in their enthusiastic welcome to the newborn prince, feel that this child is the symbol of new and better days ahead.

When the Prince of Peace was born over 1900 years ago, Bethlehem was entirely unprepared to recognize itself as the place where divine prophecy was being fulfilled; Jerusalem was asleep to the fact that the Messiah had arrived; and Rome was ignorant that a greater king than her Caesars had come into the world. A star led the Wise Men, and an angelic chorus notified a few shepherds, but the world at large was unaware of the magnitude of the advent of that Child, the Son of God born among men. And those who should have known were just as unmindful as those who had never heard the prophecies.

The Child born in Bethlehem's manger was not just a symbol for the hopes of men. He was and is the hope of all mankind. In proportion to their living according to the spirit of the Son of God, to that degree do men live to make a better world. In ratio to their faith in the Son of God do men live with strength for the present and hope for the future.

"God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved," says the record. This greatest of gifts, from the Giver of every good gift, was given not to provide another holiday (though what event could be more worthy?) but was given that the human heart might be relieved of its burdens, not for a day of festivities but of its burdens of sin forever.

The Prince arrived and the world knew it not. The Prince is here, by the presence of the Spirit, and the world still is largely unaware of Him. The United Nations must not mention the name of God lest godless nations be offended. The na-

tions that name the name of Christ and give respect to His name, too often forget His principles and reject Him as the Saviour.

Would that all men everywhere recognize the Son of God and recognize Him as the gift of God to our needy sinful world. Would that at this Christmas time, all those who know the origin of the holy day not only be inspired by the spirit of the season—good will toward men—but be filled with gratefulness for and of true worship for the Prince of Peace. He came to bring good will not only for a day but

The Spirit of Christmas

Commercialism versus Christ, which? It is not hard to see that commercialism predominates as papers, magazines, radio announcements, store windows, and the talk of the multitudes center around giving—what to buy and what to give. Some will go into debt for months in order to gain favor or to outdo others. Should such things be done?

Giving is Scriptural — "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But the basis of this is in the greatest of all gifts — God's gift to a lost world, His Son Jesus Christ. Our giving should be on the basis of hearts of love for each other. But Christ should always be first, first in our affection, our thoughts, our conversation; giving ourselves to Him and to His service unstintingly, willingly, gladly because of His gift of salvation to us.

Commercialism: buying, selling, getting and giving has no part or lot in God's plan in the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus. Angels adore Him and serve Him; the redeemed of all ages worshiped Him and have fallen prostrate at His feet, broken and yielded to Him when they came to know Him as their Saviour.

The world today needs a Saviour. The spirit of Christmas should re-echo the angel's message "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Only as the peoples of the earth come to know Him and give Him the rightful place in their lives can there be "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

Let us purpose in our hearts to make this a glorious Christmas season in commemoration of Him whose birth has brought peace to our hearts, enlightenment to our spirits and souls, and the glad hope of the better life here and hereafter.

—R. J. T.

Love to God and love to man

Makes heaven seem always near;

'Tis love within our hearts that can

Make Christmas all the year.

for every day, not for a few but for whosoever will. Individually no man can speak for the world, but each can determine his own response to the gift of God. Even Joshua, the leader of a nation, could not speak for the others, but in declaring his purpose to live for his God, announced, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Our personal Christmas, our personal recognition of the coming of Jesus Christ to our own hearts, should be not only a matter of the season but a blessing through the year. He was given to provide redemption for the lost. On the hills outside of Bethlehem the common man heard angels say, "Unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

—M. M.

There Were Three

There were three lights that night:
The star above the darkness, crystal fair,
The foremost angel's garment flaming white,
The baby's circled hair.
Three sounds upon the hill:
A sudden song; low drawn, a woman's sigh;
And, when the midnight deepened gray and chill,
A little, little cry.
Three wonders: dark-browed kings riding from afar;
Young shepherds' lifted faces;
The silver beauty raining from the star
On Bethlehem's dark places.
There were Faith, Hope, and Love:
Faith that had known, Hope that had waited well,
Love that had wrought; and in their trembling midst,
Immanuel!

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Further Refutation of The Heresy of Praxeas

by J. Narver Gortner

Continuing the series of articles on the general theme of our trinitarian doctrine, which is the orthodox doctrine, and which we believe is taught in God's Word, and taught so clearly that to deny it is to deny the Word, we are to consider now what Jesus meant when He said, "I and My Father are one," and again, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," for these, as has been stated, are the outstanding passages on which Praxeas based his heresy, and upon which the followers of Praxeas have based theirs.

Analyze the words, and consider the logic, "I and My Father are one." "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." It will be observed by even the most careless reader that Jesus recognized the fact that He had a Father. And in order that there may be a Father it is necessary that there be a Son. Has there ever been a father without a son, or a son without a father? Has there ever been a son concerning whom it could be said that he was his own father, or a father concerning whom it could be said that he was his own son? The absurdity of the inquiry must be apparent to every mature mind. There can be no son without a father, and no father without a son.

Our Lord, when He was here in the flesh, spoke repeatedly of His Father, and when He said, "I and My Father are one," and again, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," He could only have meant that they were one in purpose, in plan, in aim, in desire, in righteousness, and in power, and one also in the essence of Deity; that is, that each was God, neither being the one and only God apart from the other, but each being a personality in the Godhead, and together constituting, with the Holy Spirit, the one God, the triune God, whose name is given as *Elohim* in the very first verse of the Bible, and who is so called in more than 2,500 passages in the Old Testament Scriptures where we find this divine plural title of Deity. In a subsequent article on "The Intimations of the Trinity in the Old Testament Scriptures" we hope to consider the significance of this title in greater detail. Suffice it at the present time to say that Jesus accepted the Old Testament at its face value, and said, "The Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35), the word rendered "broken" meaning loosed, dissolved, melted, rendered void or meaningless.

Just what Jesus meant when He said to Philip, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," will be understood, I think, by the careful student who prayerfully studies and gets an understanding of what is written in the first chapter of John's Gospel. There we read, "In the be-

ginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," and it would appear that the inspired writer, lest he might be misunderstood, immediately added, that there might be no ground for misunderstanding, "The same was in the beginning with God." By the Word, of course, we understand Jesus Christ, God's Son, for it is definitely stated in verse 14 that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Christ, then, before He came into the world, conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, was the Word, and, as the word, He was both *with God* and *was God*! In what sense was He *with God*? His Father was God, and He was *with* His Father, "in the bosom of the Father," as we read in verse 18. And He *was God* in that He was one of the three Persons constituting the Godhead, as *certainly* God, and as *truly* God as was the Father with whom He was.

But perhaps some person will say that this does not explain what Jesus meant when He said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." Verse 18 from which I have already quoted, in its entirety tells us: "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." Let the disciples of Praxeas carefully consider these words. They believe that Jesus was, and is, the Father, and they believe that the Father is God, but it is said, "No man hath seen God at any time," the evident meaning being that no man hath seen the Father, or no man hath seen the triune God, the august Deity concerning whom we read that "Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne" (Psalm 97:2). God is invisible; His invisibility is taught in the Scriptures; but man has seen many manifestations of God. Such was the manifestations that Moses saw when he turned aside to see the bush that burned with fire and was not consumed; such was the manifestation that we read of in Exodus 24:9-11, where we find this marvelous passage: "Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and they saw the God of Israel: and there was under His feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in its clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel He laid not His hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink."

It will be observed that in this passage it is definitely stated that "they saw God." But how could they have seen God, when

God said, "There shall no man see Me and live" (Exodus 33:20), and when we read in the New Testament which was written many centuries later, "No man hath seen God at any time"? Attention might be called also to the fact that in the very chapter in which we are told God said, "There shall no man see Me and live," we read, "And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend." The thoughtless reader of the Word is very likely to think that here are contradictions in the Bible. But these passages are reconcilable; they are not contradictory, even though they may so appear to the careless reader. I went to the top of a small mountain once in an automobile that encircled the mountain on a winding road. Alongside of me sat a blind man. He had always been blind; he had never seen a ray of light. I told him about the sights we were passing. I described to him a huge rock. He asked that the car be stopped. "I want to get out," he said, "and go over to that rock." So the car was stopped, and I led the blind man to the rock, and he felt it with his hands. He reached out as far as he could with his right arm, and the other way as far as he could with his left arm, and then he asked me how far it was each way from the end of his arm to the end of the rock. And I told him. And in amazement he said, "That is the largest rock I ever *saw*." And he probably had as good, or, maybe a better conception of the size of the rock than some of us who were able to see with our eyes.

God has ever had different ways of making revelations to man. We frequently see things in our dreams when our eyes are shut. Nebuchadnezzar thus saw the great image that we read about in Daniel, the second chapter. He was asleep, and his eyes were shut, but he saw. God is a spiritual Being, and He cannot be seen through our eyes as they are now constituted. Our spirits are shut up in these bodies which are essentially material in their nature; in order that we may see God in the sense God was speaking of when He said, "There shall no man see Me and live," it is necessary that we get outside of our bodies, and the only way to get out is to die. But there are other ways of seeing God. We see when we perceive; seeing and perceiving are almost synonymous terms, and yet many see, or say they see, when they do not perceive at all. God, on the mountain, caused "Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel" to perceive God through some manifestation of His presence, or some vision with which they were favored, so that they were afterwards able to describe what they had beheld. It was a manifestation of God that they saw, and through that manifestation of God, to use John's word, He "declared" Himself. And thus it was on every other occasion when God manifested His presence; He was not actually

seen, but through a manifestation, sometimes in one way and sometimes in another, He was perceived. But the great revelation of God remained to be made *in and through* the person of Jesus Christ, and so we read John's illuminating words, "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." What we have then in the person of Jesus Christ is a "declaration" of God. Jesus Christ was God "manifest in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16). "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

Our Lord took upon Himself our nature, human nature. He "was made in the likeness of men" and was "found in fashion as a man." His object in coming and assuming our nature was that He might "declare" God unto us, and might provide salvation for a ruined race. When He rose from the dead His human body rose, and it underwent the transformation that our bodies will undergo when we rise, or when Christ comes, and we shall be given glorified bodies. When Christ ascended into heaven His disciples saw Him ascend. He took His glorified human body with Him up into the glory, and that glorified body we shall see some day. Some people have suggested that the only person of the Godhead we shall ever see will be Jesus Christ. I do not know, and it appears to me to be a waste of time to speculate concerning a matter of this kind. Certain it is that we shall see Christ. John says that "we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).

John in his apocalyptic vision beheld our Lord as the "Lamb as it had been slain," that is, as bearing the evidence of having been slain. But note, also, that he saw One whom he describes as sitting upon the throne that he had seen "set in heaven." Concerning Him he says, "And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone" (Rev. 4:3), and he writes concerning the Lamb, our Lord Jesus, who in the vision was assuming the role of Lion of the tribe of Juda for the purpose of opening the seals of the seven-sealed book, "And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne." It is quite evident that John distinguished between "Him that sat upon the throne" and the Lamb, the Lord Jesus, who took the book out of His right hand. Here we see a picture of the Father and the Son, each described as a distinct personality. And mark the fact that the Lamb is represented as "having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." That these "seven spirits," symbolized by the seven horns and seven eyes, are to be regarded as representing the Holy Spirit in His seven-fold fullness (see Isa. 11:2) is conceded by practically all interpreters. So, here in Revelation, the last book of the Bible, we have in the fifth chap-

ter a very graphic representation of the Trinity, corresponding perfectly with the very remarkable words found in the first chapter, "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful Witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth." The salutation to the seven churches which represented the church as a whole, or the church age as a whole from John's day down to the end of the age, is from John, but John makes it clear that the grace and peace must come, not from him, but from the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Let us turn to that chapter in the New Testament in which we find the words of Jesus, words which we have seen have been so misconstrued and so misrepresented, "I and My Father are one." Here are some of the other words of the Master that are recorded there: "The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me." It was not in His own name, mark you, but in His Father's name that He did His works. Concerning His sheep, He said, "My Father which gave them Me is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand." It will be seen that in these words, as in many others, He very clearly distinguished between Himself and His Father. Again He said, "Many good works have I showed you from My Father; for which of those works do ye stone Me?" And when the Jews replied, "For a good work we stone Thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God," our Lord replied, "Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If He called them gods to whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken; say ye of Him whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?" Mark the fact that Jesus asserted that the Father had sanctified Him, that is, set Him apart for a specific and holy purpose, and had sent Him into the world. He had not sent Himself, as He asserted on more than one occasion: He had been sent, and it was the Father who sent Him. At the behest of the Father He had come, saying, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within My heart" (Psalm 40:8).

We find among the recorded sayings of Jesus such a vast array of passages that clearly prove that Jesus always distinguished Himself and His Father that one is almost embarrassed in trying to select a few that will appear to be the most appropriate.

Our Lord in His last great discourse

said to His disciples, "If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name's sake, because they know not Him that sent Me. . . . He that hateth Me hateth My Father also . . . now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father. . . . But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me" (John 15:20-26). Jesus, it will be seen, not only distinguished between Himself and the Father, but also between Himself and the Comforter, or, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, making it clear that there are three Persons in the Godhead. The Holy Spirit is not made mention of as an impersonal influence or emanation proceeding from God, but as a Person, the Master asserting that *He*, not *it* but "*He* shall testify of Me."

So thoroughly convinced was John that Jesus was the Son, and not the Father, that there are indications in his writings that the thought was ever before him, and that at no time did he ever entertain a doubt concerning the matter. In the first chapter of his first Epistle he writes, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."

In the next article of this series we shall consider the manifestation of the Trinity on the occasion of the baptism of our Lord by John in the river Jordan; and perhaps two or three other outstanding passages that have not yet been mentioned, but that should not be passed over, as they, like the passages already noted, set forth the doctrine of a triune God in such unmistakable language that it seems passing strange that any should ever have overlooked their teaching.

His Love

Oft times throughout my busy day
I take a moment out to pray . . .
To close my eyes, no matter where,
And breathe to God a quiet prayer;
To talk to Him, and let Him know
I need His hand as on I go.
This daily life—what would it be
Without His love enfolding me?

—Selected

The Christian Home

A Guiding Light To America

by Claude O. Wood

The home is sacred, a divine institution, but no home is complete without the presence of Christ whose blessing has been pronounced upon the holy estate of marriage.

The home, it has been asserted, is the foundation of the greatest institutions of civilizations—the church, the school, the hospital, the library, and the government. Hence, if the enemy of the home can destroy the home he can destroy civilization.

The dissociating of marriage from its spiritual or religious significance is a danger threatening the home. Our generation needs to learn that marriage is not a civil contract that begins in the office of the Justice of Peace and ends in the divorce court, but a divine institution involving God-appointed obligations. "What, therefore, God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Many fathers would be ashamed to let someone else feed their children, but apparently are content to leave spiritual feeding of their children to others. The parents cannot put all the responsibility upon the pastor or the Sunday school teacher.

There is a danger also that they may neglect the disciplining of children. When a distinguished Englishman was asked what impressed him most in our country he replied, "The strictness with which the children bring up their parents!"

Home is a place where love dwells. The furniture and the daily fare may be simple and plain, but graced with the presence of the Lord, it is the gate to heaven. Who is so able to influence the child as mother? Among the brightest names in modern history are Lincoln and Cromwell. Lincoln affirmed, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother." Of Cromwell, the historian says, "No other member of his family, neither his wife nor his father, influenced him as did his mother. She cared nothing for her son's grandeur." Her only thought seemed to be for his welfare and comfort and the honor of his name and reputation. How poor the man who has never felt the presence of a mother's kiss and in the corridors of whose memory there lingers no sound or echo of a mother's voice.

We need praying mothers today who will do their part in building a great civilization of God-fearing American youth who will not be fodder for all the "isms" that are at work within our American life.

Fathers, you must cherish your place of responsibility in the home, for the first university is the university of home. Here the hours for recitation are—the morning, the noon and the night. Here are discussed the problems of the present hour and the possibilities of coming years. Here sit the scholars of youth and maidenhood.

Fathers, you should not be insensible to this great responsibility. Make your home the dwelling place of Christ the Lord and take that lovely family of yours to the House of God each Sunday for a time of worship.

"And Jesus said unto her, *Go and sin no more.*" (John 8:11)

We learn in Ephesians 6:11 that we, as the children of God, must "stand against the wiles of the devil," tricks that are used to fool God's people. One of those favorite tricks of the adversary is to lull one into the belief of eternal security—that there is no chance to be lost after one is saved.

In searching the Scriptures, we find many references to nullify that doctrine. These scriptures not only condemn that teaching, but also warn man that a much worse fate awaits the one who remains in a backslidden condition.

When Jesus saved and healed the impotent man at the pool, that man was told to sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon him (John 5:14). We learn here that there is not only a possibility of sinning again, but that man would become worse than ever if he did so.

God tells His people in Leviticus 26:21 that if they walk contrary and will not hearken to Him, their plagues will return sevenfold. A parable to that warning is found in the story of the backslider, according to Luke 11:24-26. Here we get a picture of a man who is saved. The unclean spirit had to move out when Jesus came into his heart. Later on something happened. He did not go on with the Lord, so Jesus departed from his life. In the meantime that evil spirit had moved about, seeking a dwelling place. By chance he wandered by his former home and found it "swept and garnished" and ready for rent. That unclean spirit was so glad to get his old home back, that he invited seven other spirits more wicked than himself to live with him, "and the

Now

Tomorrow has a magic charm
We cannot see today.
The distant future holds delights
That never come our way.

Great deeds we plan and hope to do,
But, ah! the time's not yet;
And so we waste the morning hours.
Nor dream the sun must set.

The flowers that bloom around our feet
With careless eyes we pass;
We search afar for gems, but miss
The jewels in the grass.

Oh, may our hearts to wisdom wake,
Our eyes ope'd to see
That *now* holds all life's hidden wealth
Of opportunity.

—A. E. Woodcock

Go And Sin No More

by Frank Isensee

last state of that man was worse than the first."

When we receive that born-again experience, we receive a priceless gift, bought with the blood of Jesus that was shed for a lost and dying world. The adversary of our soul, the devil, immediately puts up a fight to destroy our heritage. He is real. He is powerful. He is the prince of this world and the prince of the power of the very air we breathe. (Eph. 2:3). With him, it is a continual warfare, a continual stroke (Isa. 14:6) against God's people. He is cunning and has many methods of attack. He works lying wonders (2 Thess. 2:9). He appears as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). He hinders the gospel (Matt. 13:19).

We, as God's children, must work out our salvation "with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12). We must be ever on the alert and be clothed with the whole armor. We must be overcomers. If we are not, our names will be blotted out of the Lamb's book of Life (Rev. 3:5). If we do not follow God's commands in this warfare, the battle is lost; not only lost, but we are left in a worse condition than in the beginning.

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (2 Peter 2:20).

Enthusiasm starts a race, but perseverance wins it.

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Some men are known by the deeds,
others by their mortgages.



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SPECIAL NOTICE

In the near future the Santa Cruz campground committee will be ready to offer to members of our fellowship acre plots in the wooded area across the creek from the tabernacle. There will be a limited number of very desirable building sites. A new interpretation of laws relating to the sale of plots not in regular subdivisions will enable the committee to satisfy the expressed desire of some of our people for a chance to locate on that side of the District property. Each plot must be some fraction over an acre. Bear in mind, please, that these large estates cannot be sold as cheaply as small lots in the regular subdivision. This advance notice is to enable all those who are interested to have equal opportunity.

(Pastors, please call the above to the attention of your people.)

The Pentecostal Fellowship

by R. J. Thurmond

It was a privilege to attend the constitutional convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, which convened in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26 to 28, and to represent the District as a delegate of the Assemblies of God in this historic gathering.

Many of the brethren of the various Pentecostal groups have had a burden and a vision for a united front and a co-operative working agreement. This has now taken form through the action of this convention. It was estimated that nearly a million Pentecostal adherents were represented by the fourteen groups that sent delegates to formulate a constitution and bylaws.

A co-operative effort that will be helpful to the Pentecostal testimony will be worked out in time to come, as Jesus tarries, that will be beneficial to higher standards of ministerial ethics and comity, the youth program, missionary work, and other working arrangements that can benefit our associations to the glory of God.

The delegation present adopted a constitution and bylaws and elected officers and a board of administration. Brother J. R. Flower was elected to be Secretary

of the Fellowship, and Brother E. S. Williams was elected to serve on the Board of Administration.

The Board of Administration will pass upon the applications for membership from the various groups. It is believed that those groups who qualify doctrinally and as to standards will avail themselves of this opportunity to band together in this Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.

The keynote address, given by our General Superintendent, E. S. Williams, stressed the principles of unity and of working together. The daytime sessions were held in the Open Bible Standard Church. The first night service packed it out with over 1000 in attendance. Brother Rusthoi, associate pastor of Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, was the speaker. Brother W. R. Steelberg, one of our Assistant General Superintendents, was the speaker for the second night service, which was held in the University Church of Christ, which seats 2500. Over 4000 attended the last evening service, which was held in a large auditorium, and heard Evangelist Oral Roberts of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He has a remarkable healing ministry, and hun-

dreds came forward for prayer, as well as many for salvation. Surely our hearts were blessed together these convention days, showing us what can be done by unity of heart and spirit.

The sessions were marked by a sweet spirit of fellowship and a desire on the part of each group to help to bring about a working agreement for a Pentecostal fellowship. The night evangelistic services were distinctly Pentecostal, and the Spirit of the Lord was pre-eminent in praise, prayer, and anointing that was a rich blessing to all of us. We may have different organizational names and some differences in practices and doctrines, but we are one in spirit. It was demonstrated that the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with His abiding power and anointing, is the precious truth and experience which makes a Pentecostal fellowship possible. Without this, we might as well be in with other evangelical and holiness groups, but our common ground of mutual experience is not only salvation, sanctification, and divine healing, but also the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah! He is the revealer of our Lord. He gives us power to live an overcoming life. He it is who quickens our mortal bodies and keeps us ever looking upward in anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God grant that this needed message and experience shall continue to go to the ends of the earth and that the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America and the International Pentecostal Fellowship will be blessed to multiplied millions while Jesus tarries.

When God is going to do something wonderful, He begins with difficulty. If it is going to be something very wonderful, He begins with an impossibility.—C. Inwood.

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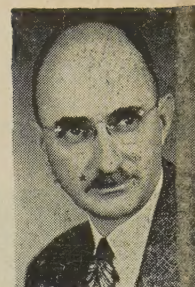
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Subdistrict Business

Nominations for District Presbyters shall be made by each section at a special meeting of the resident pastors of the section who shall be members of the Northern California and Nevada District Council and the delegates regularly elected by the affiliated assemblies of the section. Nomination shall be by secret ballot. Voting shall continue until one nominee shall receive a two-thirds majority vote within the first four ballots or the two highest names shall then be submitted to the District Council for election. These nominations from the various sections shall be forwarded to the District Superintendent not later than one month prior to the convening of the District Council, when these nominations shall be submitted to the Council in session for their ratification.—Section 2, Paragraph 2, page 11, 1948 District Minute Book.

Blameless Before Him

"Never allow yourselves to answer again when you are blamed," says Alexander Whyte. "Never defend yourself; let them reprehend you in private or in public as much as they please. 'Let the righteous smite you; it shall be a kindness; and let him reprove you, it shall be an excellent oil which shall not break your head.' Never so much as explain your meaning under any invitation or demand whatsoever. 'It is a mark of deepest and truest humility,' says a great saint, 'to see ourselves condemned without cause and to be silent under it. To be silent under insult and wrong is a very noble imitation of our Lord.' O, my Lord, when I remember in how many ways Thou didst suffer, Who in no way deserved it, I know not where my senses are when I am in such a haste to defend myself. Is it possible I should desire any one to speak good of me, or think it, when so many ill things were thought and spoken of Thee? What is this Lord; what do I imagine to get by pleasing worms; what about being blamed by all men if only I stand blameless before Thee!"

—Herald of Holiness.

A calm hour with God is worth a whole lifetime with man.—Robert Murray McChene

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

Holiday greetings from the District office. May the joy the angels sang of to the Bethlehem shepherds be yours this Christmas time and may the blessing of the Lord be with you through the coming year.

W. T. Gaston

R. J. Thurmond

Marjorie Maddocks

Late News

On the morning of December 1, after an illness of nearly two years, Brother Everett L. Stewart, our pastor in Ceres, slipped away to be with the Lord he loved and faithfully served. He was 39 years of age. Brother Gaston and Brother Thurmond conducted the funeral services in Ceres Friday afternoon, December 3.

We would assure Sister Stewart and their young son, Paul Everett, of our sincere sympathy and prayers for the Lord's sustaining grace.

Brother Stewart carried our Metropolitan insurance coverage and was a member of our Ministers' Benevolent Fund. There will be no call on the fund membership for this benefit.

With The Lord

Brother Joseph H. Sparks of San Jose, known to many of our readers, passed on to be with his Lord on November 14 after one hundred hours of unconsciousness caused by a skull fracture suffered in an automobile accident. He and Mrs. Sparks were driving to church when their car was struck by a truck in a heavy fog. Mrs. Sparks is recovering from injury which she incurred. Brother Sparks was one of those who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the very early days of our movement, and for a number of years he was a preacher of the gospel. Until recent years he was a member of our fellowship. Pastor Richard Ruff was in charge of the funeral service in San Jose on November 16.

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SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

- Dec. 6 - Garberville, Richmond, Lodi
- 13 - Burlingame, Middletown, Yreka
- 20 - Monterey (Hill Top), Petaluma
- 27 - Patterson
- Jan. 1 - Oroville, Reno
- 3 - Stockton, Trinidad

Brother William L. Ray of Oakland, one of our licensed ministers for many years, after a lingering illness of several months passed on to be with His Lord Sunday morning, November 21, at the age of 67 years and 10 months. Funeral services in Oakland on November 24, were conducted by Pastor E. Elsworth Krogstad and Brother J. Narver Gortner.

Brother Ray was a member of the Ministers' Benevolent Fund since its inception. However, there will be no assessment of the membership at this time since the fund, after paying the benefit for his death, will still be over \$1,000.

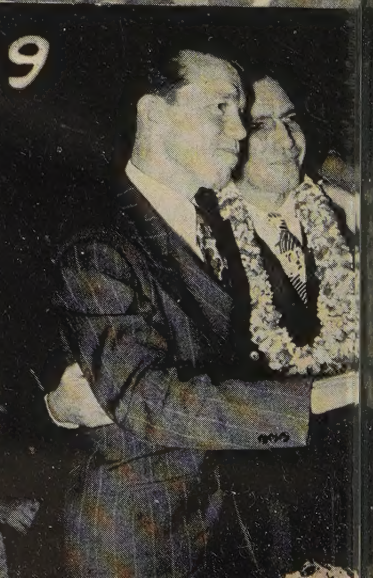
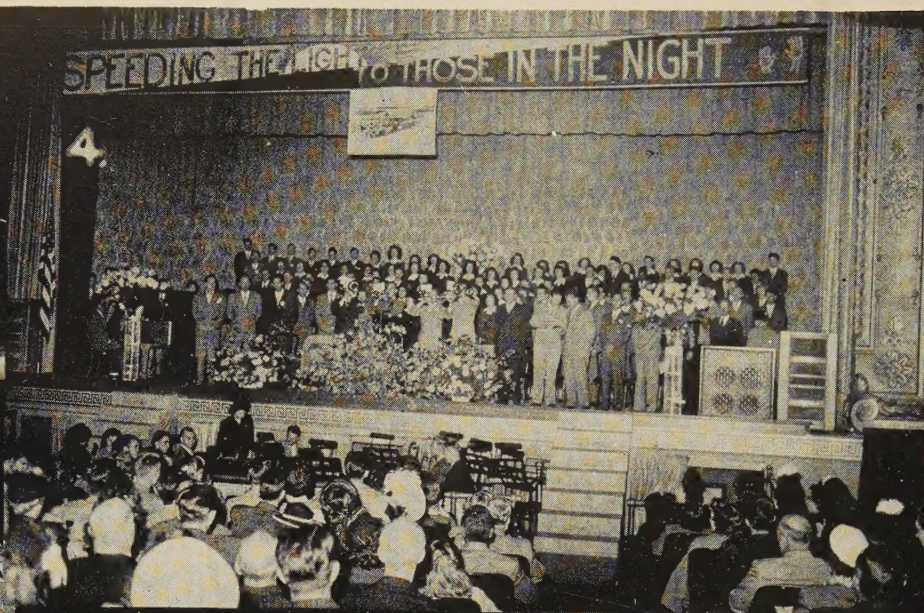
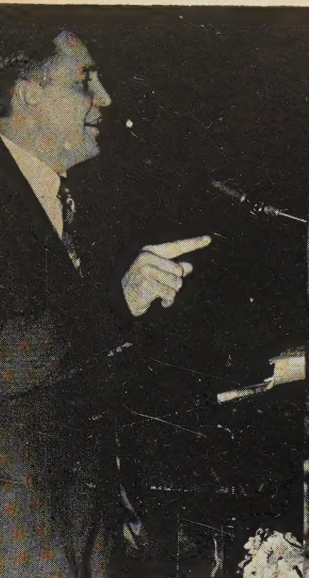
In behalf of the fellowship, we assure Sister Ray our heartfelt sympathy and prayers that the sustaining grace of the Master shall be very real to her.

IN OAKLAND

November 5-6-7

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President and C. A. Editor
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Christ's



Ambassadors

RICHARD C. FULMER
Secretary-Treasurer
P. O. Box 505, Atwater

At The Convention

1. Nelson Hinman appealing for a generous Speed the Light offering.
2. The F.E.B.C. male quartet—a real blessing to the convention.
3. Kenneth Short placing a carnation lei around the neck of Thomas Custock, C. A. president, as a token of greeting from the Hawaiian C. A.'s.
4. In front row are C.A. officers, counsellors and others who took part in service. G.T.B.I. radio chorus in background.
5. A packed auditorium at Speed the Light rally listen to the opening remarks of Tom Custock.
6. The F.E.B.C. brass quartet playing one of their favorite numbers.
7. Richmond Trio, Dorothy Reindl, Forest Byser and Vernita Persing.
8. Our own Superintendent, Brother Gaston.
9. Bobby Bowman, co-chairman of F.E.B.C., and Kenneth Short, C.A. representative at Manila, flown home by plane for rest, embrace each other.
10. The Peralta from where the impressive Galilean service was conducted. Brother Charles Blair, convention speaker, is seen between Sister Goldie Anderson and Sister Erlene Steelberg, with his wife peeking over his right shoulder.
11. A candid view of Galilean service on Lake Merritt.
12. Part of the happy throng of more than 1500 who witnessed this service.
13. Ernest Eskelin responsible for the arrangement of this service, smiles on while Brother Gaston speaks.

Custock's Comments

New C. A. Officers—After serving the district for two years as president, I felt within the will of God to withdraw my name on the nominating ballot at the annual business meeting. Richard Fulmer was voted in as your new president; with Wesley Steelberg as vice president; and Keith Hill, Secretary-Treasurer. The new officers will take up their duties the first of January. Let us stand behind our new officers with our loyalty and prayers, and back them up in every way possible!

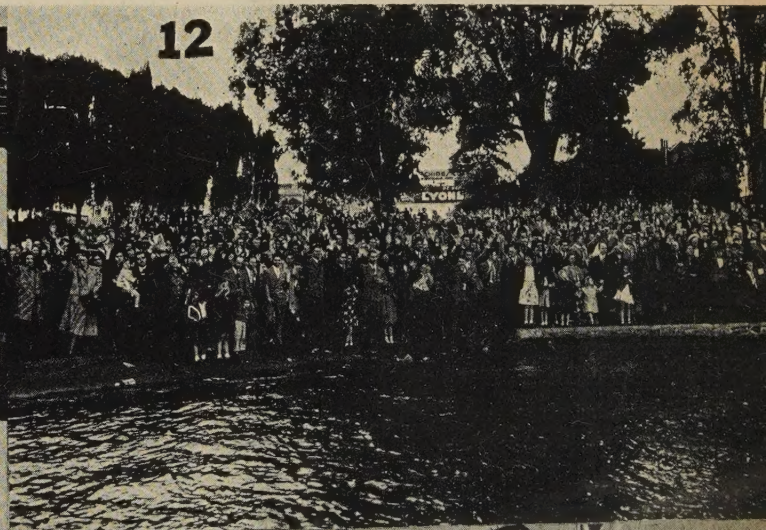
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C. A. Convention—There is an elderly sister in a certain congregation who always says at the close of every service, "This is the best meeting we have ever had." I suppose that's the way most of us feel about our convention from year to year. Undoubtedly, under God, this was one of the finest conventions to date, marking a milestone in the progress of the Christ's Ambassadors organization of the Northern California-Nevada District. All the fundamental elements so essential in the making of a successful convention were predominant throughout the conclave, such as spirituality, fellowship, inspiration, crowds, youth, excellent talent, anointed preaching, volumes of

praise, and best of all, the precious presence and power of the Holy Spirit in each service. Charles Blair, the convention speaker, preached heart-moving messages that brought wonderful response and, we trust, lasting results. In my mind the greatest service and one that will be long remembered was the Speed-the-Light rally Sunday afternoon. The jam-packed auditorium was electrified with excitement as the voice of John Broger was heard 8,000 miles away over the FEBC station in Manila after Bob Bowman, co-chairman of FEBC, addressed the convention. To add to the drama, Kenneth Short, who was rushed by plane to the States from Manila to regain health from over-exhaustion, arrived just in time to speak at this special rally. On his stop-over at Honolulu, the C. A.'s there presented him with a beautiful carnation lei to be given to our C. A.'s in convention, as an Ambassador greeting from them. This, Kenneth placed around my neck. As a climax, Nelson Hinman appealed for a generous offering. I'm very happy to report that over \$3,300 in cash came in for FEBC. Hallelujah!!

Immediately following the Speed-the-Light rally, an impressive Galilean service was enjoyed by more than 1500 of the convention delegates on the shores of Lake Merritt, adjacent to the auditorium in downtown Oakland. Ernest Eskelin, sectional chairman of the East Bay district, was responsible for the arrangements of this open-air service.

The Saturday morning consecration service was surely ordered of the Lord
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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The Representative's Travelogue

The month of October is now history but we thank the Lord for what He has done for us during that month. It was a busy time and an enjoyable time as we labored in His kingdom. We have had an extremely large amount of correspondence due to the reports coming in to our office. We visited the following churches during the month.

SALINAS—

On Saturday, October 2, we drove down to Salinas to begin a series of conferences in the Alisal Assembly of God church, where Brother Louis Weston is pastor. The Lord met us in a wonderful way in the services on Sunday. Both services were old-fashioned Pentecostal services. Then during the week-night services the hearts of the people were thrilled as we discussed ways and means of winning souls. The Sunday School has started using the 4-6 point record system and have also instituted the follow-up system in their school. A religious census was started on Saturday and the results of the work for just the one afternoon showed that 36 per cent of the homes that were contacted were prospects for the Sunday school and church. We enjoyed working with Brother Weston and his good folk

WILLITS—

After our return home from Salinas we drove up to Willits to be with Brother A. G. Benning and his folk. We were there for a number of services in conference work. The work in Willits is going forward in all departments of the Sunday school and church. On Sunday morning I had the privilege of installing the incoming officers and teachers of the ensuing year. God bless the folk in Willits as they press the battle.

PORTOLA—

We enjoyed the drive up the Feather River canyon as we went to Portola where Sister Peterson and Sister Bertenshaw are pastoring. We found a good group of folk anticipating the conferences, and the Lord gave us a gracious time. They were already taking a religious census when I arrived and are finding some very good prospects for the Sunday school and church. The Lord has been very gracious to these folk and has given them a good growth during the last year.

NAPA—

We visited the Napa Assembly on Sunday morning, October 30, and enjoyed the service very much. The Napa Sunday school has had an increase of 22 in

average attendance over last year's average.

BENICIA—

On Sunday evening I ministered to the folk in Benicia where the Lord met us in a very precious way. The Benicia Sunday school has enjoyed a substantial increase in attendance since the first of October.

Pastors, Don't Forget

That your Sunday school report must be in by the last of this month if you want to be included among those that have reported for the 1947-48 Sunday school year. We appreciate the way that the reports are coming in but there are still quite a number yet to come in. How about checking, and if your report hasn't been sent in as yet, see that it is sent in immediately, will you?

Sunday Schools Report

TURLOCK—

We thank God for the growth that has been evidenced in our Sunday school this past year. From an average attendance during the 1947 fiscal year of 195, we have seen the work grow to an average of 238 during the 1948 fiscal year.

It is with real joy that we are able to report that at least 60 have been saved as a direct result of our Sunday school, though we have not kept an accurate account. This is a low figure, and we are finding out more and more that Sunday school really pays!

Classrooms have been a problem, so that we have had to construct more rooms and enlarge others. Since classes were outgrowing their rooms, we have had to divide classes, too. As we look back over the year just ended, we praise Him for what He has done. We are, however, not satisfied and have begun a religious census of the city and are amazed that in a town of forty churches we are finding that at least one third of the people are not being reached. By God's grace, we are planning to do something about this.

A few weeks ago, Brother L. W. Suter, our District Sunday School Representative, was with us in a Sunday school conference. If any of our pastors have not as yet had Brother Suter, we want to recommend him very highly to you. He will give you ideas as to the possibilities that lie ahead for every Sunday school. We sincerely hope that our entire district will realize the value of having a man full time on the field in the capacity of a Sunday school representative. Churches

that have been in the doldrums concerning Sunday school attendance will receive new spark and life and interest through having a man such as Brother Suter come to them in the interests of their Sunday school. We heartily recommend him to all our churches.

—Robert Carrington,
Pastor, Bethel Temple

Sunday School Convention

Don't forget the 7th National Sunday School Convention. It convenes in Springfield, Missouri, from the 6th to the 10th of March, 1949. We are looking for this convention to be the largest yet. Churches and Sunday schools, how about sending your pastor or superintendent or both to this convention? It will be a good investment for you.

C. A. Convention

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as many C. A.'s filled the platform in a response to dedicate their lives for missionary service if the Lord so led, after Floyd Thomas, returned missionary from Africa, spoke. Brother Gaston, our Superintendent, brought a timely message on the theme "Spiritual Horticulture," pointing out that we as God's husbandry should cultivate our souls into beautiful gardens for Him.

We are looking forward to the spring convention to be held in Reno April 22-24, with Glenn Horst of Gary, Indiana, and other notable convention speakers present.

Gain By Giving

Christ says that the best things are to be had by renunciation. The student loses much in order to gain a scholarship. The gold-hunter loses much for the sake of treasure. Both of these, however, are measurably selfish. Let us come up higher. Here is a soldier leaving home. What has he gained? It is not a question of what he gains, but of what the cause for which he fights may gain.

Who is it that loses his life? Really, it is he who knows not the meaning of sacrifice, he of the self-centered life.

There are two ways of treating life. One is to look upon it as a possible field for adventure or exploitation, the other is to look upon it as a grain field, with hard sod to be broken up, dry places to be irrigated, swamps to be drained, seeds to be planted and weeds to be watched and uprooted, in order that when the harvest comes life may be rich. This is the loss that pays in the end.

The heroes of the world are those who have not considered loss; they have endured the cross, despising the shame, that they might lay hold of the "joy that was set before them."

—War Cry

Missions

South India

The Foths

(Brother and Sister Oliver L. Foth have moved to the city of Madura, which is 300 miles south of Bangalore, where they have been stationed formerly. It is near the tip of the subcontinent of India. The following is taken from correspondence received from them.)

Madura is a most interesting city. It has a population of somewhere between 500,000 and a million people, but they are confined within a relatively small area—at least for that amount of people. Some archeologists claim that Madura is the oldest living city in existence. India's largest temple is located here—the famous Meenakshi Temple—dedicated to the goddess Meenakshi, who has the beautiful "Meen" eyes (fish eyes). The temple covers an area of 30 acres in the very heart of the city, and the sixteen main streets of the city run out from the four sides of the temple. The temple has four gopurams or towers, one on each side of the temple. They are ten stories high. This temple is, incidentally, not only the largest in India, but it is the largest of any kind in the world.

The weather here is extremely warm. Madura is known to have a climate which is consistently warmer than most other parts of India. The average daily temperature throughout the year is over 90 degrees. It never goes below 80 any time of the year. Strangely though, thus far the climate is agreeing with both of us much better than the cooler climates of Bangalore and Coonoor. Most of the time it feels like the good old San Joaquin Valley in July, only, of course, the tropical sun is much more treacherous. Never more than a sheet is wanted at night even at the coolest time of the year.

We are quite busy at present, both with plans for the opening of the new

Tamil Bible Institute and with arrangements for the beginning of our Bible school buildings. We had hoped to be part of the way through building by now—but this is India. And even with all the allowances one makes, things generally move about twice as slowly as you think they will. When I came from Bangalore the first of June to finish the transaction, we were promised a decision on the matter within two or three weeks. Actually it was four months later before they let us know, then it was a negative reply. It turned out that the chairman of the Municipal Council was unreconcilably opposed to us, evidently simply because we are Christians. He and a Brahmin woman Counciller finally succeeded in getting our request rejected. The Brahmin woman declared, "We can't possibly let them have that land. They will go in there and soon they will be making converts of all the Hindus around."

We naturally were very disappointed after months of tedious waiting, but almost immediately the Lord opened up another plot of land to us just one fourth of a mile away from there. This is actually in many ways much better than the first plot. City tap water and electricity come right to the front of the place. It has excellent foundation sand at only a depth of two feet. And the plot is located just a half mile from our house.

The Lord willing, the first term of school will open January 11. Already a number of applications have come in. Our trouble will not be a lack of students, for there are many who want to come, but it is the need of accommodations for them. For the first term we are securing temporary facilities for them, and in all probability will have the classes here in our house.

We are ready to build right now. We feel it necessary to get the buildings up and finished by July 1, when our second year begins. But we are in need of at least \$12,500 for buildings. We hope to build a chapel, two class rooms and a small library in one unit, and living quarters for the students, a dining hall and kitchen in another unit. The school site is three-fourths of an acre with about 60 full-bearing cocoanut trees on it. Besides that, we have materials on hand for a small building.

The District must have a grand camp meeting site. Just reading about it made us homesick, although we actually don't get that way very often, for India seems pretty much like home to us now. If the Lord tarries . . . we might be able to be home for the 1951 camp. We will be due a furlough the year before that (five years), but we would like to see the first graduating class of our Bible school through before going home.



The student body of the Bible Institute in Santa Ana, El Salvador. Brother Arthur Lindvall and Brother Ralph Williams are shown seated in center of the front row.

Central America

Ralph Williams

(Brother Ralph D. Williams, superintendent of the work in El Salvador, and of the Bible Institute in Santa Ana, its capital city, writes of the school and its activities.)

Come with us to the early morning prayer service in the Bible Institute. The 6:30 bell rings and nearly fifty men, fine Christians all of them, gather in the main hall to worship and pray as part of their preparation for the day. They are truly Pentecostal, and as prayer is as personal to them as is going to the breakfast table three-quarters of an hour later, you should not be surprised if you heard a crescendo of praise as they offer themselves anew before the throne of grace.

After breakfast the students go to their respective classes for four hours of study. To most of them, these Bible studies are a hard pull, since their previous educational opportunities have been quite limited. But what they lack educationally, they make up for spiritually; and it is a genuine testimony to the grace of God in them to see the progress they make in a course of studies that covers a broad field of subjects.

Each Saturday these same men start out for a score or more of churches and preaching places, where they will minister over the week end. This week end exodus and going forth to preach is typical and symbolic of the whole Bible Institute ideal. This ideal, or vision, or call, inspires us. It is the motive power that urges one on as a missionary when other earthly ambitions present their appeal. It is the vision of a Christian church of Central Americans: members, ministers, and officers—a living, growing, spiritual church with a full consciousness of her responsibilities and opportunities for self government and propagation of the gospel.

These men, who have heard the Master's call to service and are doing all in their power to give themselves to Him, are our immediate responsibility. Seeing their need for Bible training, we are striving to give it to them so that they in turn may take a true, clear, and Spirit-inspired message in their hearts and on their lips

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Brother and Sister Oliver L. Foth and Louanne and Dick. The children are in the Hebron Heights School and are only with their parents from November to February. During the past year Louanne was ill several months with rheumatic fever, and later Dickie was stricken with malignant malaria. Both were in a very critical condition for some time, but now are in good health, having been back in school until vacation for them began in November.

Here and There

AUBURN—The Sunday school has been steadily increasing in attendance and recently purchased a bus to help in further growth. The pastor is Thomas L. Mendenhall.

BERKELEY—Pastor Eleanor M. Johnson reports that the assembly enjoyed a very good meeting with Evangelist Joseph Wilderman of Canada during the month of October. Souls were saved and congregation enjoyed the ministry of the evangelist.

BOONVILLE—Brother B. C. Finfrock is the new pastor, having begun his ministry in Boonville in October. In recent weeks Brother H. H. Teeters held a good revival campaign there.

BOYES SPRINGS—Brother Howard G. Davis is the new pastor.

CALISTOGA—Of the two weeks revival campaign Brother Carl F. Wilhite held there in October, Pastor Myrtle Hynning writes: "These services were a great blessing to the Christians and also drew out many people who are not regular in attendance. Two were saved, one a lady from Oakland and one a piano tuner who fixed up our piano the next day before leaving town." Sisters Mildred Howard and Hazel Youngman held a five-day revival, which the pastor reports was a great blessing.

CHICO—Evangelist Jack Coe of Texas has been holding a campaign emphasizing healing for some weeks with Pastor E. Wm. Anderson.

COLFAX—Pastor C. E. Haddock reports: "Brother and Sister L. A. Harris have been with us in a three-weeks meeting. They conducted children's meetings each day that proved to be quite a blessing and also helped our Sunday school."

CONCORD—Brother Thornton S. Gapen has resigned as pastor after eight years of ministry there during which a new building was erected. The farewell service was held October 31. He and his family will spend the next few months in Grants Pass, Ore.

COVELO—Pastor F. T. Alford writes: "Sister Florence Munger was with us for one night and gave a very interesting and inspiring talk of missionary work in Central America. Brother Floyd Hoole was with us for a very good revival for two weeks in October."

DUNSMUIR — "Special meetings with Rev. W. Doyle Opie, associate pastor of Bethel Church, Fresno, were held during the latter part of October." — Hazel MacLeod, pastor.

EL CERRITO—Evangelist Stanley MacPherson began a campaign with Pastor Leonard Rogers on November 30.

ELKO—Evangelist and Mrs. C. O. Farmer held a very good meeting for four weeks with Pastor B. L. Tewell in October.

ESCALON—There were some filled with the Spirit and a good number saved during the meetings. Evangelists Eddie and Ruthie Washington held there in October. Brother Jack White supplied the pulpit while Pastor Wesley P. Steelberg was away on vacation in November.

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GRASS VALLEY — The new Bethel Church was dedicated Monday, November 15, on the occasion of the Capitol district fellowship meeting held there. Brother Gaston was the speaker for the dedication service in the evening, when the new church was filled to capacity. The speaker in the afternoon was Brother Reuben Wilson. Between the services, the ladies of the church served all present a turkey dinner in the cafeteria of the high school. The pastor is Clarence E. Lebeck.

GUSTINE—The South San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there September 27. The pastor is Dan E. Flaming.

HAWTHORNE—The Nevada fellowship meeting was held in Hawthorne November 15. It was a day of good fellowship for all who could be there. The afternoon speaker was Brother Donald Krause from Southern California. Brother Thurmond was the speaker for the evening service. The host pastor was Carl C. Anderson.

HOLLISTER — The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held there September 27. Pastor Marion Minogue writes: The Spirit of the Lord had His way in both services. Brother Persing preached at night and then asked all to kneel at their seats, and I believe that every person in the house did. It was a good crowd and was unusual for everyone to respond. We tarried until 12:15."

HOOPA—Brother C. F. Rowe has resigned. He was pastor for several years during which time he built a new church and a parsonage.

JACKSON—In recent weeks three have been saved and the attendance has been increasing. Sister Lillian A. Himilton is the pastor.

KELSEYVILLE—Evangelist Harold McHugh began a campaign with Pastor Luther Perkins on November 14.

LIVE OAK—Evangelist Walter H. Smith held a good campaign for Pastor B. H. Givens in November.

LOWER LAKE—The September Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held in Lower Lake. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Ivan Chapman of Fort Bragg. Brother D. L. Wilson of Middletown was the evening speaker. Pastor Ella M. Beare reports having a very good meeting, in which several were saved, in October with Brother C. F. Wilhite.

MARYSVILLE — Four were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit during the two weeks of revival meetings. Evangelist J. W. Stovall held recently for Pastor Gobel Lawrence.

MERCED—Several were saved in the revival meeting held in October with Bobby Hoskins, a 12-year-old preacher and his 10-

year-old sister, Joleen. T. E. Woods is the pastor.

MIDDLETOWN—D. L. Wilson has resigned as pastor.

NAPA—Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie conducted a healing campaign for Pastor A. J. Ruedger from November 17 to 21. At the close of this meeting Brother Ogilvie went to Southern California for two campaigns.

OAKLAND (First Church) — Evangelist Christian Hild began a meeting with Pastor E. Elsworth Krogstad November 16.

OAKLAND (Revival Tabernacle) — Brother Wilbur Ogilvie held a week of healing services there beginning October 24. The campaign was scheduled to last longer, but Brother Ogilvie was called to North Dakota because of the death of his father.

PORTOLA—The assembly and Sunday school enjoyed the good services of Brother Suter for several nights in October. The Nevada district fellowship meeting held there October 4 enjoyed good attendance and the blessing of the Lord. Brother J. S. Jamison of Susanville spoke in the afternoon. Because of the outpouring of the blessing of the Lord in the evening service, there was no speaker for that meeting. Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw are the pastors.

RENO — Pastor Herbert W. Brown reports: "The Kaufman Musical Messengers have just concluded two weeks of revival meetings with us. During their ministry the Sunday school climbed to a new high of 115. We are glad to report that we have just purchased a 42-passenger bus which will be in operation November 7 for our Sunday school. With a week's notice we were able to raise in cash and pledges one half of the total price of the bus. I would like to ask any pastors who know of former Pentecostal people now residing in Reno to send me their names and addresses."

RICHMOND — A number received the baptism and many were saved during the revival campaign. Evangelist F. C. Cornell held with Pastor C. Ely Persing from October 24 to November 14. The Full Gospel Temple will be dedicated Monday, December 6.

RIVERBANK—Evangelist Stanley MacPherson held a good campaign for Pastor Douglas H. Cooksey in November.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel) — Another bus has been purchased to accommodate the increase in the Sunday school. Brother Chas. Blair from Denver held a special three-day revival, with good results, from October 31 to November 2. Brother Ernest Williams, the General Superintendent, was guest speaker November 21. Brother Nelson Hin-

man began a revival meeting with Albert Ott of Dallas, Texas, on November 21.

SALIDA—Pastor Dan Robinson reports having a good meeting for three weeks with Evangelist Philip Tiger in October.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)—From November 3 to 17, Evangelist William W. Freeman held the best attended campaign ever held in the temple. The last few nights of the two weeks' meeting there was very little standing room left, even though every available space was filled with extra seats. The last night, the doors of the temple had to be locked shortly after 7:00, for all standing room inside was taken. A large number remained on the outside to listen over a loudspeaker, and some were prayed for for healing out on the sidewalk. Pastor L. R. Keys has estimated that "well over 1200 people came to the altar for salvation during the campaign." A good number testified to very remarkable healings from deafness, blindness, cancer, and other afflictions. Brother Freeman was assisted by Brother Gordon Lindsay and Brother Leon D. Hall. At the close of the campaign, it was announced that Brother Freeman would return to continue the meetings some time in January. The other Pentecostal churches in the city co-operated in the campaign.

SAN JOSE (Upper Room)—Pastor Max Freemark announces that Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie will begin special divine healing services in the Upper Room Mission on December 15. The 25th Building Anniversary will be observed during the first week in January. At that time Brother Freemark will retire from the active ministry and will become pastor emeritus. Brother F. T. Curry from the Southern California district has been chosen to be the new pastor.

SANTA CRUZ—Evangelist Clarence R. Peterson began a revival campaign with Pastor Raymond P. Murray on November 14. On November 8, a united Christian youth rally, featuring Bob Bowman and his F.E.B.C. male quartet, was held in the Civic Auditorium. It was the regular C. A. rally enlarged to include all Protestant churches of Santa Cruz. At least 600, representing no less than 12 denominations, were in attendance. Brother Charles Coffey was rally chairman. The Ewald Zeisslers, volunteers to the Latin American Orphanage were guest speakers Friday, October 15. The missionary giving for October was over \$500.

SOMES BAR — Sister Gertrude Riecke, formerly of Weitchpec, is taking over the work at Somes Bar.

SONORA—Brother C. S. Holderman has resigned as pastor.

SUNNYVALE—Brother C. E. Persing was the afternoon speaker and Brother F. C. Cornell was the evening speaker at the Peninsula fellowship meeting held there November 8. Evangelist Cornell began a revival campaign at Sunnyvale November 21. The pastor is S. Albert Ogle.

TRACY—Pastor L. A. Lawrence writes that the assembly recently enjoyed a good three weeks' meeting with Evangelist J. D.

Mahaffey of Texas.

TULELAKE—Evidently things have been growing in Tulelake. The Sunday school attendance has doubled in size, reaching over 150. The building is doubled in size, and a large new parsonage with three bedrooms has been erected. Brother Glen Ayers is the pastor. Evangelist Walter H. Smith recently held a revival campaign there for two weeks.

TUOLUMNE—Brother Morris Lefkovitz, who has been holding evangelistic meetings in the District, has been chosen to be the new pastor. He and Mrs. Lefkovitz come to us from the Illinois District. Brother Howard G. Davis was acting pastor for some months.

WEITCHPEC—Sister Gertrude Riecke is leaving, after doing a fine work in the community for several years, to take the work at Somes Bar.

WESTWOOD—Pastor Wm. C. Ross reports: "November 1 was the date of the Nevada fellowship meeting (California side) at Westwood. The afternoon speaker was Don North, pastor at Chester, and the evening message was given by Evangelist Wesley G. Kaufman of Tacoma, Wash. The blessing of God came down in copious

showers. It was decided that on rally day, October 3, that the Sunday school should reach the goal of 200. Class goals were set to reach that goal. We were happy when the attendance reached an all-time high of 210. The former record was 106. A building project is under way so as to provide room for more classes. Two meetings have been conducted at the Westwood assembly, one by V. J. Gardner and one by Iola V. Wiseman. These meetings were a real blessing to the church. On November 14, Brother Wesley G. Kaufman began services."

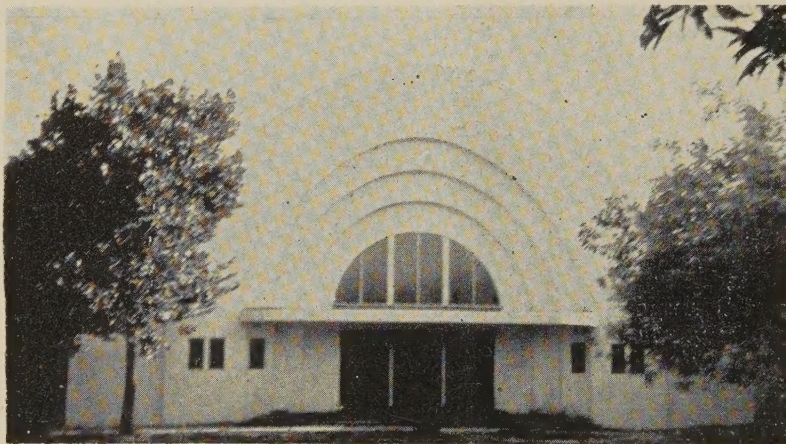
The acid test of a Spirit-filled life will always be:

Can you labor on cheerfully without earthly reward?

Can you toil on hopefully without tangible returns?

Can you travel the road of frequent criticism without bitterness?

Can you lift and agonize and sacrifice and pray and give, way down out of sight, while others lead the procession and then receive the honors? In other words, are you willing to be soil in which providential events may grow, while others fill the places of leaves and blossoms on the trees of time?



GLAD TIDINGS, ROSEVILLE

The new Glad Tidings Tabernacle in Roseville is being completed and plans are to dedicate it Monday, December 13, when the Capitol district fellowship meeting is held there. The opening services will be held Sunday, the 12th. Brother Gaston will officiate at the dedication.

The beautiful new building, which is 50 x 80 feet, will seat about 300, and has been valued at about \$40,000 by the insurance company. By using much voluntary labor, the cost was cut far below this figure.

The church in Roseville was started about twenty years ago by Brother Hubbert, who built the old tabernacle on the main highway running through the city. Pastors who served the assembly through the years include: Paul Franklin, Laura Steel, Don Smith, William Hatton, and A. A. Lowe. During Brother Lowe's min-

istry, the former Methodist Chapel property, which included two good lots on the corner of Bonita and Clinton streets, was purchased. The old building was sold, and the church was moved about two blocks to the new location. The plan was to enlarge the old building, but due to difficult conditions during the war, this plan was postponed.

When Brother R. A. Wilson, the present pastor, took up his ministry in 1946, he suggested building a new auditorium and using the old building as a Sunday school annex. This idea was passed on by the church and plans were drawn up by an architect. Building actually began about October 1, 1947. After more than a year of faithful labor, the assembly now has a lovely house of worship, an asset to the movement and to the city of Roseville.

Missions

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to their own people in the hundreds of towns and villages of the five Republics.

We must grow—reach more communities, open up more churches. That means more workers. It could mean more missionaries, but we can never expect to supply missionaries in sufficient numbers to meet this vast need. *Workers*, then, means Central American believers, baptized with the Holy Spirit, called of God to the ministry and trained in the knowledge of His Word so that their message and methods will be adequate and will always enjoy divine approval. These men will be pastors, evangelists, presbyters, and officers of the local churches, supported by the tithes of their congregations.

The Bible Institute surely offers its own plea for acceptance. And we are your servants in this ministry.

West Africa

Harold Rhodes

(Brother and Sister Harold E. Rhodes in Sierra Leone have moved from Free-town to a station a short distance away.)

Greetings from Lungi! We have waited two years to write those words to you and at last they have become a wonderful reality.

Moving was such a task. Our things had to go by truck around the peninsula 120 miles, though Lungi is only seven miles across by water. The native house is rather small and dark, as they always are. And of course there are no cupboards or closets in the place. However, we are thankful for this house.

We were properly initiated into "bush" life the first week we were here. Thieves broke into the house and made away with our clothes and many other things. Geraldine had just finished making some things which we had planned to be sufficient until we go home. Unfortunately we have only the wornout things left. The Lord has helped us, and other missionaries have been kind, so we are making out fine.

Every day, people come for care of their sores, ulcers, and other ailments. There are some we cannot help, but many more that we can help and relieve their discomfort. We have often remarked that the multitudes of the "halt, sick, maimed and blind," they brought to Jesus must have looked much the same. We are so thankful for this great opportunity to tell them of Jesus and to show them a practical lesson in Christianity that we otherwise would not have.

For a new start, our meetings are very well attended. Most of the time we have people from four or five different tribes. It creates a problem as to which language to use.

After the rainy season we hope to be able to put up our prefab. We have money to do this. It is unfinished inside,

Women's Missionary Council

Hayward Rally

On October 12, the Women's Missionary Council had charge of the evening service in the church. The new officers for the year were introduced. Reports were given regarding local projects, home missionary Christmas boxes, and a canned food shower for the Wheeler Andersons, missionaries to Africa. Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, District Director, explained the plan and purpose of the W.M.C. and how the activities of the Northern California and Nevada District have not only reached our local communities and the district as a whole but have circled the globe through our relief work. "Reaching out hands to the needy" (Proverbs 31:20) is a reality. Brother Thurmond brought the devotional. The pastor, E. G. Eskelin, is a W.M.C. booster.

Stockton

Pastor Earl Davis desires that his church enlarge its missionary vision, so the W.M.C. was reorganized on October 19 and plans made to take more active interest in the district W.M.C. program. The district director had charge of the business meeting and told them how they could co-operate in the great work that is being done by the women of the district. The new officers are enthusiastically preparing to move forward in a new way, as they will have a work room of their own in the remodeled church building. Mrs. Davis is also the sectional chairman of the North San Joaquin District and she is looking forward to arranging for a district rally after the first of the year.

Sausalito

Sausalito W.M.C. was set in order last month by Mrs. Wm. Savidge, sectional chairman of the North Bay district. Brother and Sister Ossian Robertson, pastors, are expecting new blessings for this little church, once a home missionary church itself, as the missionary vision is enlarged and active interest taken in the home and foreign activities of the district.

Half Moon Bay

We were told by the pastors, Brother and Sister Dodson, it was the largest group, including fellowship meetings, ever to attend the church as the women and a number of pastors gathered in from nearby churches for an all-day W.M.C. rally. A busload attended from the Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. Of course there was a wonderful display of

so we will have to build in closets and cupboards, as well as putting celotes on the walls and ceilings, and build on a kitchen and boys' quarters.

handwork from the local group, and the other groups brought samples of their work. A stirring and heart searching message was brought by Mrs. L. H. Rogers from El Cerrito. Other speakers were: Mrs. Essie Hallock, president of the Glad Tidings Temple W.M.C., and the district director. Reports revealed an enthusiastic response to the call for co-operation in helping toward outfitting the Floyd Thomas family who are returning to Africa, and an offering was received for them. An outstanding report was that of the Newark W.M.C., which has been organized only a few months. They are happy to be used of God in His kingdom's work. The Spirit of the Lord moved upon the assembled group in a way that will not be forgotten.

East Bay District

For years, Brother R. H. Moon has had an annual missionary convention at Bethel Tabernacle. This year he kindly gave over the Thursday morning and afternoon services to the East Bay W.M.C. Mrs. L. H. Rogers, the sectional chairman, was in charge. Again the missionary vision was enlarged and broadened as we were reminded to look out over the whitened harvest field, and that as we help the missionaries and hold them up in prayer, we become a part of God's soul-saving plan. Mrs. Essie Hallock and the district director gave reports of what has been done and encouraged the women to greater things as they "do what their hands find to do" in the local, home and foreign missionary projects. The afternoon speakers were Brother and Sister Wheeler Anderson, missionaries to Africa. An offering of \$100 was given to them. They received a shower of household articles from the various East Bay groups and 128 cans of food from the Hayward church. Again the men enjoyed the women's meeting and the good food! A suggestion was made that an occasional morning and afternoon W.M.C. meeting might put new life and "fellowship" into some of the district fellowship meetings!

Ukiah

Mrs. J. R. Edgar, sectional chairman of the Lake and Mendocino district, reports a wonderful district rally held at the Willits church where Brother and Sister Benning are pastors. Nearly every church in the district was represented by a good group which included the pastor and his wife. Brother and Sister Wheeler Anderson were the guest missionary speakers. They received a missionary shower toward their outfit and an offering of \$135.

We praise the Lord for these good reports of W.M.C. activity in our district.

If your local or district rally was not included, it is because you did not send in a report. Please do so next time.

Letters are being received from the Philippine Islands telling of the great need for used clothing there. A number of the churches are pastored by graduates of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. The people speak our language. They are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. All kinds of light-weight wool and cotton clothing for men, women, and children are acceptable. There is a special cry for baby clothing. Could we answer this call as soon as possible? Be sure to mend everything and sew on buttons and hooks and eyes as they have nothing to work with over there. Brother Lorenzo Sebastian received one of the bales of relief clothing we sent by Church World Service to Brother Brengle at Manila. Sister Sebastian needed the bag the clothing was wrapped in for a covering for her ironing board; but an old woman in the church begged for it to use for a blanket, so they gave it to her. He says they find a use for every article. I can give you addresses where you can send packages direct to pastors in the Philippines, if you wish, or you can send the clothing to the Women's Missionary Council, 1475 Ellis Street, San Francisco, 15, Calif., and we will send it on. Do not send shoes.

If anyone has some rather large pieces of ticking that could be made into containers for feathers, please send them to the W.M.C. at the district office also, as this can be used for bedding by a family in Germany, the brother of one of our Assemblies of God missionaries in China. They have feathers that can be made into warm comforters if they had thread and ticking. I will be glad to send this on to them. It has been a joy to receive letters from these dear Christian people thanking us for the little we have been able to do for them.

—Mrs. R. J. T.

Notice

The assemblies who sold the 1948 Scripture Text Calendars and Christmas cards will be happy to know that \$525 was cleared and sent to Brother Arnold Weston in the Gold Coast, West Africa, toward the building of the native Bible school. If the W.M.C. groups in the churches would wish to help in this missionary work, they may obtain the 1949 calendars from Sister Ida Blanche Hitchcock, 2222 Eighty-ninth Avenue, Oakland 5. The money for the calendars does not have to be sent in until they are sold.

FOR SALE—Complete set of Pulpit Commentary, \$45. The set is new. Write Pastor J. L. Jeffrey, Route 3, Box 2-C, Sebastopol, Calif.

The Apostles

All of the apostles were insulted by the enemies of the Master. They were called to seal their doctrines with their blood and nobly did they bear the trial. Schumacher says:

Matthew suffered martyrdom by being slain with a sword at a distant city of Ethiopia.

Mark expired at Alexandria, after being cruelly dragged through the streets of that city.

Luke was hanged upon an olive tree in the classic land of Greece.

John was put in a caldron of boiling oil, but escaped death in a miraculous manner and was afterward banished at Patmos.

Peter was crucified at Rome with his head downwards.

James the Greater, was beheaded at Jerusalem.

James the Less, was thrown from a lofty pinnacle of the temple, and then beaten to death with a fuller's club.

Bartholomew was flayed alive.

Andrew was bound to a cross, where he preached to his persecutors until he died.

Thomas was run through the body with a lance at Coromandel in the East Indies.

Jude was shot to death with arrows.

Matthias was first stoned and then beheaded.

Barnabas of the Gentiles was stoned to death at Salonica.

Paul, after various tortures and persecutions, was at length beheaded at Rome by the Emperor Nero.

Such was the fate of the apostles, according to traditional statements.—Unknown.

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Sunday 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. "Music With a Message"
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R. E. Henke, working with some of the Assembly of God churches in the San Joaquin Valley
Sunday 7:15 a.m. Spanish program
1:30 p.m. English program

Personal Mention

Evangelist J. W. STOVALL has been holding meetings in Hansen, Idaho.
Brother HAROLD HEADRICK, in Wahiawa, Oahu, T. H. recently reported on the progress of his work, which was started a few months ago. In nine weeks of services in his new church, 41 souls have been saved, nine were filled with the Spirit, and 20 have been baptized in water. There are 69 in Sunday school. The C. A.'s have just been organized with 20 members, and there are 25 church members. A good work is being accomplished in a new field, and on it we pray the Lord's richest blessing that the work will continue to grow and prosper to the glory of God and the extension of the kingdom.

New Arrivals

There'll be another stocking to hang up at Christmas time in the parsonage in San Leandro. Stephen John, their third son, arrived November 16 to join the family circle of Pastor and Mrs. Cecil M. Robeck.

Another missionary is headed for the Gold Coast real soon. Little Judith Grace, who arrived in San Leandro on November 17, will be accompanied by her parents, Brother and Sister Floyd W. Thomas, and her two sisters Diana and Ruth.

Stephen John and Judith Grace have the opportunity for an early acquaintance, both being in the same nursery of the same hospital at the same time.

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

No Safe Place

One of the still secret projects of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission is how to get rid of waste radioactive atoms. There are no risks yet. But not much time is left. Already sixteen foreign nations are using the radioactive materials sold at Oak Ridge. Six more have made arrangements. Other nations are about to begin making similar radioactive materials. Atomic power when developed will add some radioactive hazards. The dangers will be worldwide, and it is probable safety rules will be international.

The hazards are radioactive solids, liquids, and gases getting into the air, ground or water. Even oceans are not considered safe.

There are two kinds of radioactive risks, short-lived and long-lived. The long-lived are the problem. Short-lived stuff can be stored until it dies; but some of the long-lived material may be as hazardous a century hence as it is today.

Atom Powered Plane, Possible

An Oak Ridge scientist says the atom-powered airplane has passed the theory stage and is ready for the engineers' drawing boards. David M. Poole told the Baltimore Society of Automotive Engineers a scheme already has been worked out for a mobile atomic pile.

That means Uncle Sam is all set to begin designing a plane which might fly to any corner of the globe and back without refueling.

Atomic fuel is as powerful as 2,000,000 times its weight in gasoline. One pound of uranium could drive a B-29 around the world six times.

Russia Trying to Get Atomic Secrets

Lieutenant General Leslie R. Groves disclosed today Russia tried to get U. S. atomic secrets during the war and is trying even harder now.

Now that he no longer is connected with the mammoth atomic enterprise which he guided from its infancy in wartime, Groves consented to discuss on-the-record matters on which he has been silent. He cited one example of Soviet interest in American atomic matters in an incident in Hanford, Washington.

It was in the early days of the bomb project when nobody knew for sure whether the \$2,000,000,000 undertaking would pay off. Something went wrong at the plant. "Within 24 hours," Groves said, "knowledge of the difficulty had reached New York, and there was well founded suspicion it was turned over to a person 'outside the project.'"

New Atom Splitter will Generate Power of 12,000,000 Volts

A 12,000,000 volt electro static generator capable of splitting the heaviest of atoms has been designed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dean of Science George Harrison said the machine is several times more powerful than any known apparatus of its type.

"It will have sufficient energy," he said, "to penetrate and break up the heaviest nuclei."

More Will Be In Prisons

Department of Corrections Director Richard McGee told the California Peace Officers' twenty-eighth annual convention, the state's prison population will be 15,000 by 1960.

"California's prison population is 9,900," said McGee. "The picture is not as dark as it may seem, because the number of criminals per 100,000 population is below the national average."

Ultra-Fast Ultrafax

Gone With the Wind took years to write and many hours to read, but last month its entire text of 475,000 words on 1,047 pages was flashed by radio across Washington, D. C., and photographically reproduced before an audience in the Library of Congress to demonstrate a new system of communication. Transmission time: two minutes twenty seconds.

The system is Ultrafax, developed during the last few years at the Radio Corporation of America laboratories in Princeton, N. J. It applies the compactness of motion-picture film and the speed of television to the task of sending pictures, documents, letters, and any other facsimile material across a distance. Pages or pictures are reduced to frames of movie film. These run past an electronic tube, the "flying spot scanner," which "reads" the light and dark areas from left to right in a succession of narrow lines. Corresponding electrical impulses go out over the air by way of television channels.

Recovery Plan, Totals \$16,000,000,000

In the three years since the end of the war, the United States Government has given reconstruction grants to the rest of the world totaling more than \$16,000,000,000, exclusive of the European Recovery Program.

In addition, United States Government credit and relief grants still to be utilized, including the recovery program,

totaled more than \$9,000,000,000.

A considerable portion of the utilized total went to countries beyond the iron curtain, including \$468,000,000 to the Soviet Union.

United States grants and loans to countries in the Soviet sphere totaled \$1,457,000,000 up to March 1. Of this, \$1,122,000,000 or 77 per cent was not repayable.

The report shows that of the total U.S. grants and loans utilized since the war, \$13,762,000,000 or 85 per cent, went to areas designated by the U.N. as devastated by the war.

A Peaceful Christmas

I question if Christmas can ever be merry
Except to the heart of an innocent child.

For when time has taught us the meaning of sorrow

And sobered the spirits that once were so wild,

When all the green graves that lie scattered behind us,

Like milestones are marking the length of the way,

And echoes of voices that no more shall greet us

Have saddened the chimes of the bright Christmas day;

We may not be merry, the long years forbid it,

The years that have brought such manifold smart;

But we may be joyous, if only we carry
The spirit of Christmas deep down in our hearts.

Threefold is the Spirit, thus blending together

The faith of the shepherds who came to the King;

And, knowing naught else but the angel's glad message,

Had only their faith to His cradle to bring;

The hope of the Wise Men that rose like the Daystar

To lighten the centuries' midnight of wrong.

And the love of the Child in the manger low-lying,

So tender and patient, so sweet and so strong.

Hence I shall not wish you the old "Merry Christmas",

Since that is of shadowless childhood apart,

But one that is holy, and joyous and peaceful,

The spirit of Christmas deep down in the heart.

—ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

More men fail through lack of purpose than through lack of talent.

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Keep your Bible open and you will not find the door of heaven shut.